

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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NACO/AIDS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether NACO and its Mumbai Branch is participating in AIDS Free Mumbai Campaign;
- (b) whether mother to child HIV treatment was implemented in Mumbai;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Department are likely to extend such treatment to all Government Hospitals in Mumbai;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the Department is conducting any recent survey of HIV positive mother in Mumbai;
- (g) if so, the details thereof; and
- (h) the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e): Yes, Sir. A feasibility study on prevention of Mother-to-Child transmission of HIV infection by administering short course AZT (Zidovudine) therapy was initiated from March-April 2000 in 3 centres in Mumbai, namely, Sir J.J. Hospital, KEM Hospital and B.Y.L. Nair Hospital, Mumbai.

A total of 13561 pregnant women were counseled of which 477 were found to be positive. 12 new born were tested to be HIV positive at 48 hrs. and 8 at 2 months till the month of March, 2001.

The Government is planning to initiate Nevirapine single dose administration feasibility study to both mother and new born for a short period of 6 months in order to assess its advantages over Zidovudine prophylaxis in prevention of mother to child transmission before extending such intervention to other hospitals in Mumbai.

(f)&(g): The annual Sentinel Surveillance is conducted during month of August to October each year to detect the prevalence of HIV. The sentinel sites for antenatal clinics in Mumbai and the results are annexed.

(h): Government of India has launched comprehensive National AIDS Control Programme with the following key components.

- Reducing the spread of HIV in groups at high risk by identification of target populations and providing peer counseling, condom promotion, treatment of sexually transmitted infections etc.
- Preventive intervention for the general population by Information, Education and Communication (IEC) and awareness campaign, provision of voluntary testing and counseling, safe blood transfusion services and prevention of occupational exposure.
- Providing financial assistance for opportunistic infections, home and community based care to people living with HIV/AIDS.
- Strengthening effectiveness and technical, managerial, financial sustainability at National, State and Municipal levels.
- Promoting collaboration amongst public, private and voluntary sectors. HIV Sentinel sites in Antenatal clinics for round 2000 in Mumbai

Name of the site ce in round 1998	HIV Prevalen ce in round 1999	HIV Prevalen nce in round 2000	HIV Prevale			
Mumbai 1 Clinic KEM Hospital Mumbai	Antenatal	ANC	2.75%	2.75%	2.75%	
2 Clinic JJ Hospital Mumbai	Antenatal	ANC	2.5%	3.24%	6.50%	
3 Clinic L.T. Medical College Sion, Mumbai	Antenatal	ANC	2.75%	2.75%	2.00%	
4 Clinic Rajawadi Peripheral Hospital Rajawadi, Mumbai	Antenatal	ANC	-	-	2.25%	
5 Clinic Kurla Bhabha Hospital Mumbai	Antenatal	ANC	-	-	1.25%	
6 Clinic Cooper Hospital Mumbai	Antenatal	ANC	-	-	0.50%	